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d. Vietnam War Amendments (S.1785)

This bill, which provides for up to one year's leave for Federal employees in certain hazardous situations (such as the Saigon bombing), was included in the Hayes' bill which did not pass the Congress last year. The present bill has passed the Senate and is pending before the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

e. FEGLI (H.R. 11089)

Reference was made to the fact that legislation of this type (which was vetoed by the President on 12 August 1967) must be carefully watched to be sure that it does not create problems for us.

f. Rodino Bill (H.R. 2138)

This bill, which would permit earlier naturalization of employees of Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty, is pending before the House Immigration Subcommittee. It was originally introduced by Representative Rodino on his own, however, we have worked with him to insure maximum security protection. Officials of Radio Free Europe have also been in close contact with Rodino on this.

Admiral Taylor raised some basic questions concerning the status of RFE employees with respect to the categories of American businesses abroad and Government organizations. He also indicated that current proposals concerning the status of RFE and Radio Liberty might have a bearing on the necessity for this bill. Legislative Counsel is to review this matter and report further.

g. Foreign Service Reserve Appointments (H.R. 10345)

Mr. Warner discussed the various approaches which have been used to solve the problem of extending FSR appointments and the present procedure of inserting a rider in the Department of State's appropriation bill. The current bill has passed the House. Colonel White asked how we accomplished our purposes in this